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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

- 1. (original) A hearing aid device wearable in the ear with a housing comprising:
- at least one acceptance for pivoted attachment configured to swivel in and swivel out a battery loader;
 - a housing opening through which the battery loader can be swiveled in and swiveled out; and
 - a stabilization element to stabilize the housing in the area of the housing opening, attached to the housing and at least partially surrounding the housing opening.
 - 2. (original) The hearing aid device according to claim 1, wherein the stabilization element is inserted into the housing opening and is attached to the housing on at least two opposite sides of a boundary area of the housing that surrounds the housing opening.
 - 3. (original) The hearing aid device according to claim 2, wherein, to attach with the housing, the stabilization element at least partially clasps the border area of the housing that surrounds the housing opening.
 - 4. (original) The hearing aid device according to claim 1, wherein the housing further comprises:

two acceptances to attach a battery loader;

25 the stabilization element comprising two openings, wherein, to attach the battery loader with these, connected attachment elements are

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inserted through the openings of the stabilization element and protrude into the acceptances.

- 5. (original) The hearing aid device according to claim 1, wherein thestabilization element is fashioned from metal or a metal alloy.
 - 6. (new) The hearing aid device according to claim 1, wherein the stabilization element attaches to the housing to prevent distortions of the housing in an acceptance area of the battery loader.

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